

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☒

Property Name: Glen L. Gnegy Farm Inventory Number: G-V-A-020
Address: 757 Bill Roth Road Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: Oakland Zip Code: 21550 County: Garrett
USGS Quadrangle(s): Table Rock MD/WV
Property Owner: Dale & Mary Gnegy Tax Account ID Number: 08-003327
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 12 Tax Map Number: 99
Project: Roth Rock Wind Power Project; Garrett Co. Agency: MD Public Service Comm.
Agency Prepared By: Paula S. Reed and Associates, Inc.
Preparer's Name: Paula Reed Date Prepared: 4/27/2006
Documentation is presented in: MIHP# G-V-A-020, Maryland Coal Region Historic Sites Survey, 1981
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☒ Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes Listed: ☐ yes
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Gnegy farmstead is located on the west side of Bill Roth Road, about 1/4 mile southeast of Gnegy Church and adjacent to the west slope of Backbone Mountain near the West Virginia State line. The landscape is hilly, but open to the north and west. The two story frame farmhouse, ca. 1905 was built into the hill, resulting in an exposed basement level on the north and east elevations. The L-shaped building has a cross-gabled roof. Porches shelter the basement area and the main south-facing façade. The large overhang of the roof features extended "purlins" as a modest embellishment. A semi-hexagonal bay window with hipped roof projects from the west end. The house has 2/2 windows and is covered with aluminum siding. Brackets seen on the front porch posts in the 1981 Coal Region survey photographs have since been removed. Also since 1981, an addition has been constructed off the back of the house.

A metal-sheathed frame bank barn and several modern farm buildings are located east of the house. These include a large metal gable roofed equipment shed, smaller metal sheds, a large concrete block two story building, a concrete stave silo and two metal silos.

Evaluation:

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MHT Comments:

Jonathan Sages
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, National Register Program

8/26/06
Date

6/23/06
Date

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The Gnegy farmstead is typical of many in Garrett County, but it retains integrity of location, design, setting, feeling and association to its period of initial construction in the early 20th century, despite additions, construction of new metal equipment sheds and application of metal sheathing over all of the buildings. The farmstead remains in the Gnegy family whose ancestor settled in the area in the mid 19th century. The Gnegy Church (G-V-A-013) is located nearby. This farmstead grouping like many in southern Garrett County is the second generation of buildings on the farm. The farmstead and surrounding lands retain association with the initial developer/settler on the farm, and the fact that the Gnegy family still owns the property provides some significance under Criterion A for settlement and agricultural development of the project area. The farmstead does not appear to represent any specific individually significant member of the Gnegy family, thus criterion A serves better to capture the of the property through general historical associations rather than Criterion B. Although metal siding covers or replaces the original surface treatment, and new farm buildings have been added, farmstead grouping remains essentially intact and continues in use for a dairy operation. The field patterns reflect the property's agricultural use. Thus, despite the alteration of surface treatments and new additions, this farmstead serves as a good example of a regionally common type located in the project area, deriving significance under Criterion C. Therefore, the property is recommended as eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and C. Archaeological assessment for Criterion D was not done as part of this evaluation of above-ground resources.

History/Context:

The predominant occupation in the Redhouse area was grain and livestock farming throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, although lumbering was also prominent, especially in the last quarter of the 19th century. In 1912, coal mining began in southwestern Garrett County, but the landscape on the west side of Backbone Mountain, along the Youghiogheny River remained agricultural. In 1910, close to the time that this farmstead was built, oats, corn, buckwheat, wheat, rye and barley were the most widely cultivated crops and combined with livestock production which thrived on good pastureland in the area's grassy glades.

The area surrounding Redhouse remains a rural farming community. Original mid-nineteenth century farmstead buildings of log or timber frame built by early settlers were replaced with larger buildings constructed with lighter framing or vertical planks in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, as was the case with this property. This process of replacing older first or second period log dwellings with late nineteenth or early twentieth century frame or vertical plank buildings occurred throughout the mountainous far western Maryland region, and is linked to the prominent saw milling industry which ascended around the same time. These late nineteenth century and early twentieth century "replacement" buildings, interspersed with a few modern buildings, (the next generation of replacements), are found on the farms in the Redhouse vicinity in Pleasant Valley. While a few small lots with modern houses adjoin these farms, there is no extensive development in the area. In part the reason that the area has changed little in the last quarter of the twentieth century is that once again other transportation corridors have bypassed the area. The construction of I-68 across northern Garrett County carries most traffic through the region and provides easy access to the Deep Creek Lake resort area north of Oakland, where development has focused. Thus this property has changed little since it was evaluated in 1981.

In the Pleasant Valley area near Redhouse in the southwestern tip of Garrett County, where the area was settled mainly by conservative German sectarians whose names are still attached to the land, buildings are simple and traditional. There is not much in the way of acknowledgement of architectural style, except for embellishments to porches and entrances, and occasional gingerbread trim at the eaves. The German imprint is clearly evident in the type of barns used by the farmers of the region, large structures of frame construction with a bank or ramp at the back and a cantilevered forebay at the front. Known in the nineteenth century as "Swiss" barns, the term leaves little doubt as to their origins.

The Gnagy family of German descent settled in Pleasant Valley in the mid 19th century and helped to establish the Holdeman

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Mennonite group that worshipped in the nearby Gnegy Church, according to information gathered as part of the 1981 Maryland Coal Region Historic Sites Survey. This property remains in the Gnagy family.

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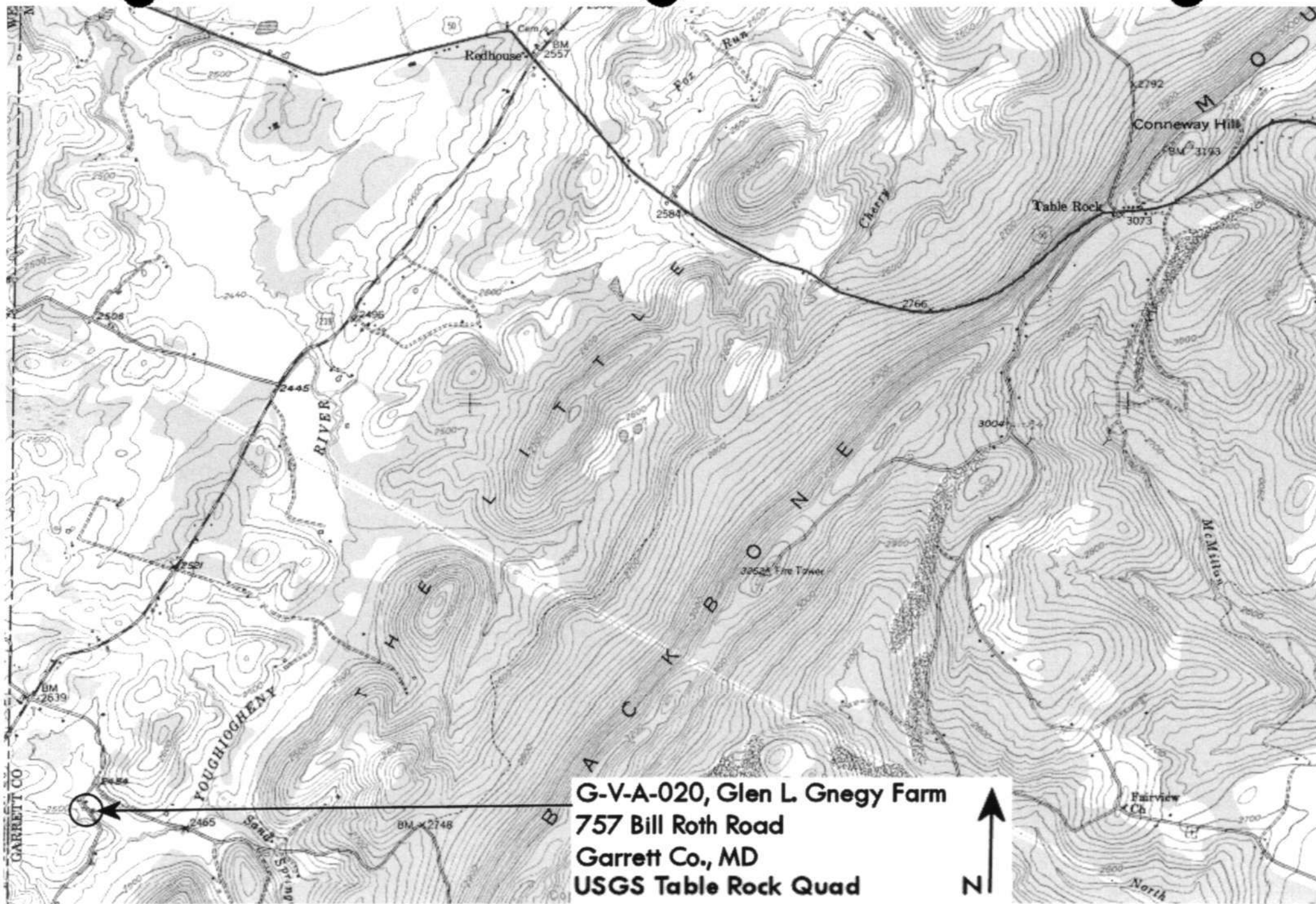
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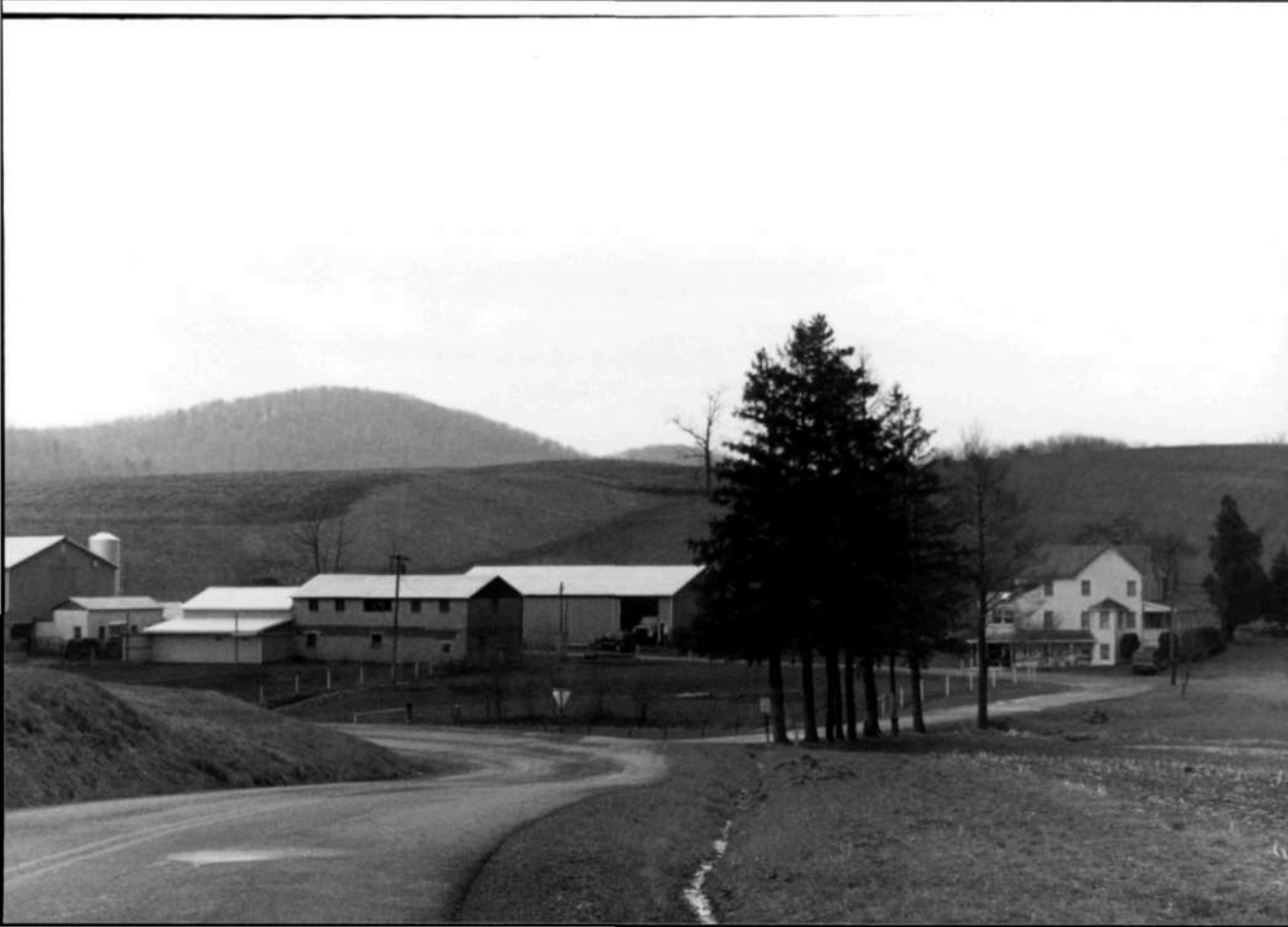
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757 Bill Roth Road
Garrett Co., MD
USGS Table Rock Quad





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SW view

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Glenn L. Ginegy Farm

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W view

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S W view

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Glenn L. Gnegy Farm
Garrett Co. MD
Merry Stinson 8/24/05
MD SHPO
N. elevation
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CA. 1905

Glenn L. Gnegy Farm

Red House

Private

The Glenn L. Gnegy Farm is an early twentieth century site consisting of a dwelling, a frame bank barn, and several outbuildings of a later date. The house is a frame, two story, ell-plan with a cross gable at its northern corner. A full length facade porch, rear porches, and a bay window on one of its gable ends ornament its otherwise plain form. The addition of aluminum siding eliminated much of its original detail.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Glenn L. Gnegy Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Off Gnegy Church Rd. - South side

CITY, TOWN

Redhouse

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Glenn L. Gnegy

Telephone #: (301) 334-4233

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 270 273

Folio #: 513 593

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Glenn L. Gnegy Farm is located on an unnamed road south of Gnegy Church Road approximately .6 mile from the intersection of Gnegy Church Road and U.S. Route 219. The house and outbuildings are clustered together on both sides of this road.

The house, situated on the west side of the road facing northwest, is a two story, frame building with a rear ell and cross gable roof. The gables cross at the north corner. Because the building is set into a hill and has a high raised foundation, an additional lower floor is created to the rear. The northeast and southeast sides of this lower level are sheltered by a shed porch.

The facade has a symmetrical, three bay, center door arrangement and a full length shed porch supported by square posts with decorative brackets. A two story bay window is located on the northeast endwall and a two story shed addition fills in the southwest side of the ell.

All windows are 2 over 2 sash except for an alteration on the southeast elevation where a pair of one over one sash units have been installed. Unfortunately, a covering of aluminum siding on the exterior walls and facade porch has eliminated much of the original building detail. The asphalt-shingled roof has exposed rafter ends and a brick chimney just west of the gable crossing.

South of the house is a small, frame, gable-roofed shed and a recent pre-fabricated, corrugated aluminum, machine shed. On the east side of the road is a two story cement block building and a frame bank barn. The barn's weatherboard siding and ventilated openings have recently been covered with corrugated aluminum and the original foundation has been replaced with cement block.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES CA. 1905

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Glenn L. Gnegy Farmhouse, constructed c. 1905, is one of the more prominent farmhouses in this area of Garrett County.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

DATE

March 1981

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

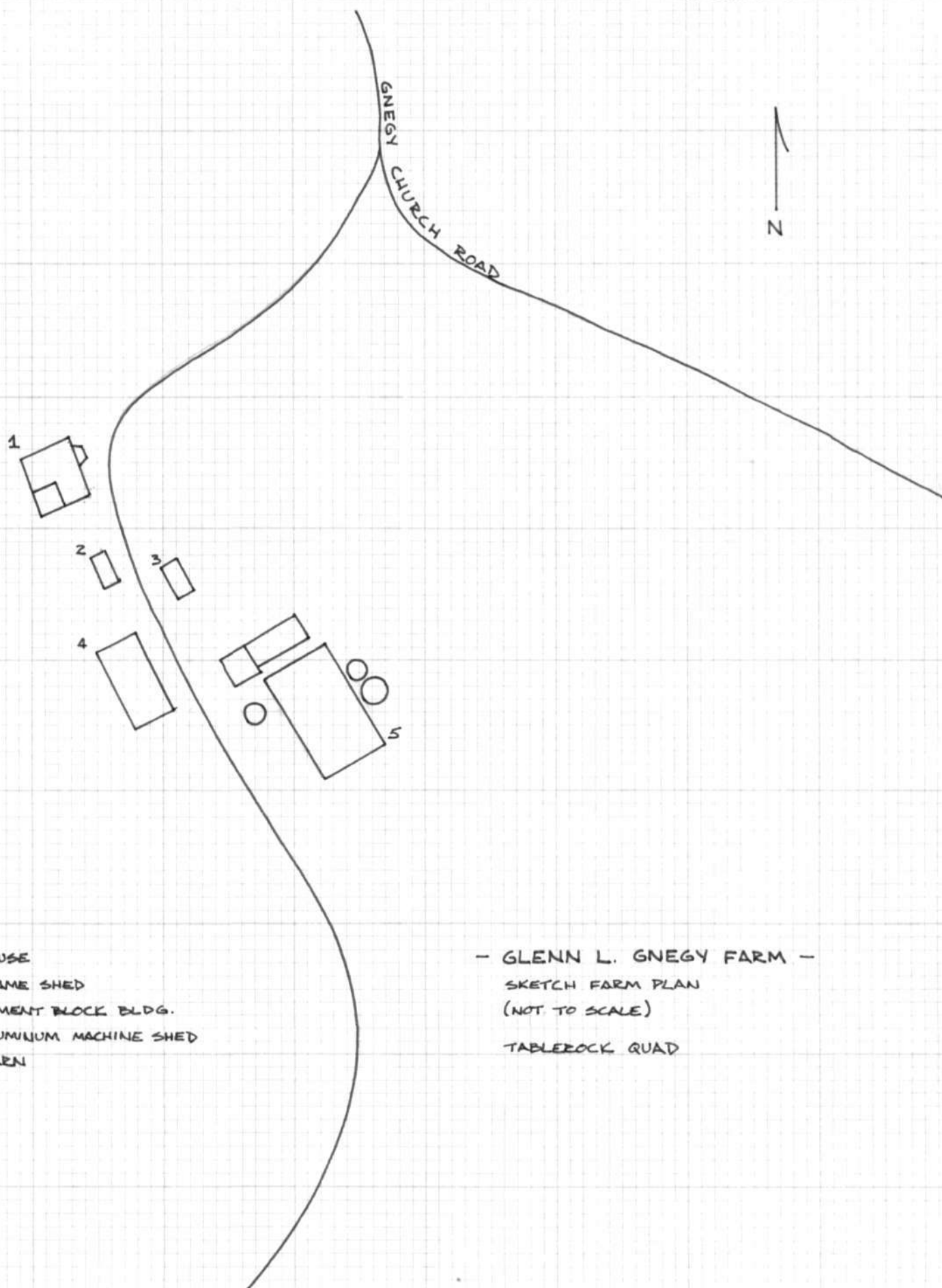
STATE

Maryland 21401

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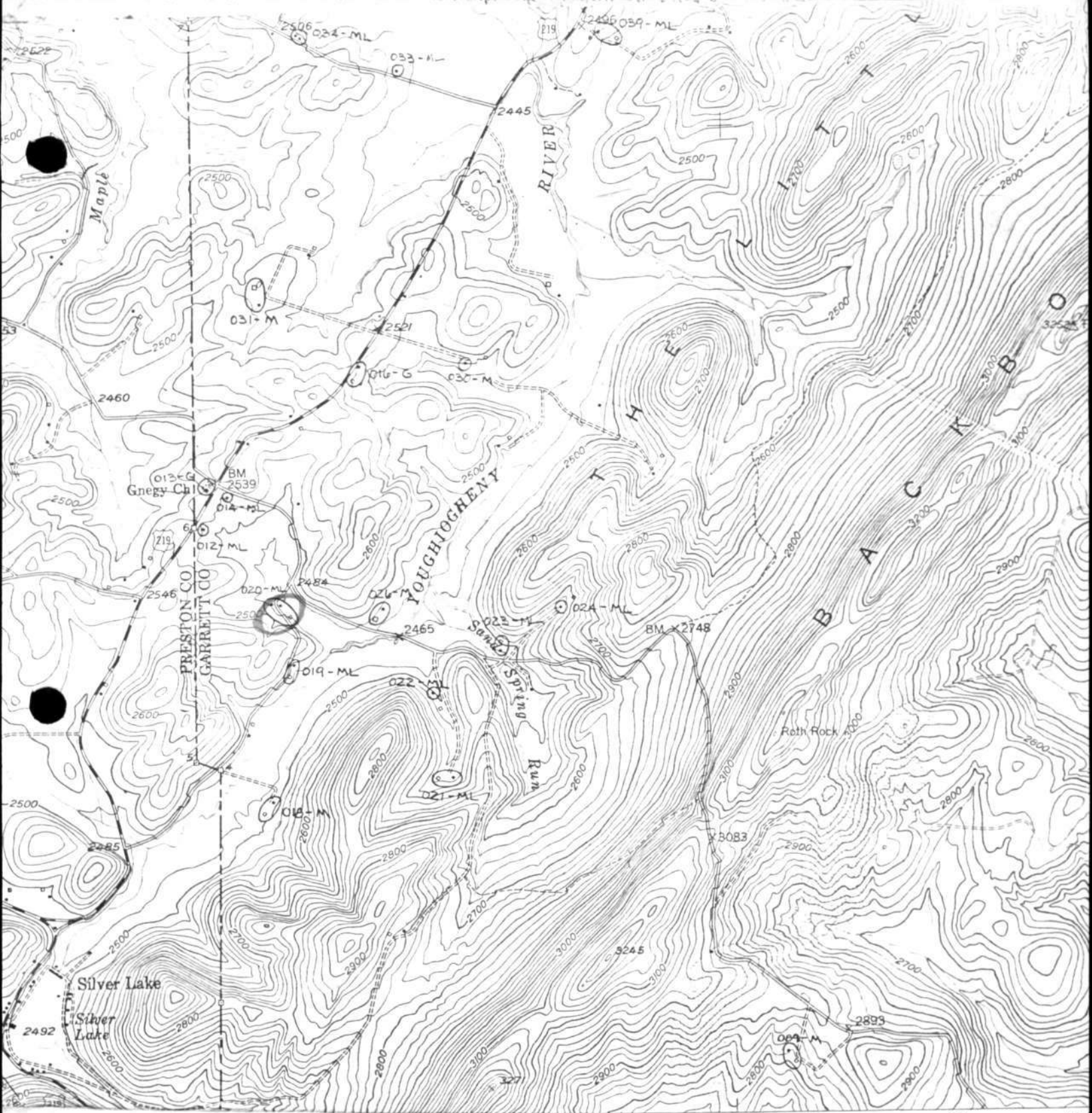
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



- 1- HOUSE
- 2- FRAME SHED
- 3- CEMENT BLOCK BLDG.
- 4- ALUMINUM MACHINE SHED
- 5- BARN

- GLENN L. GNEGY FARM -
SKETCH FARM PLAN
(NOT TO SCALE)
TABLEROCK QUAD



Marble Rock, MD-WV
 USGS 7.5 minute series
 Scale - 1:24,000
 1948; photorevised 1974

Site # G-V-A-020
 Glenn L. Gnegy Farm
 Off Gnegy Church Rd.
 South side



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Glenn L. Gnegy Farm

Garrett County, MD

Donna Ware 8-20-80

Facade west elevation



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Glenn L. Gnegy Farm

Garrett County, MD

Donna Ware 8-20-80

Rear; east elevation